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first history of North Carolina which has been written since the great mass of its manuscript materials became accessible, and it was most fortunate as well as as most natural that the work should be undertaken by one who was familiar with the documents even before they were made public by the State and who has been a life-long student of the history of his people.

The book is divided into six "epochs" or sections, and these are subdivided into chapters treating generally of administrations of governors. The history shows every where marks of thought and study, and is a most valuable addition to the history of the State and country at large.

Particular note should be made of the illustrations which include many rare maps, views and portraits.

INDEX TO ENROLLED BILLS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA, 1776 to 1862. Original Parchments. Compiled by John W. Williams, Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls. Richmond, Davis Bottom, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1908, pp. 941.

"From 1776 to 1861 the original laws of Virginia were enrolled upon single sheets of parchment, and each session's acts were rolled into bundles and placed in tin tubes for preservation. In this inaccessible shape they remained until, at the session of 1906, the General Assembly directed that these rolls be properly arranged, cleaned, bound and labelled." (Preface). The act also directed that an index be prepared.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Williams for the very admirable way in which he has done his work. He has prepared a compact, well printed and well bound volume, which will be indispensable to every Virginia lawyer, and to every citizen who desires to consult our laws on any subject. The many removals and dangers through which the enrolled bills have gone, might lead us reasonably to suppose that many had been lost; but this is apparently not the case, except in a few instances. For examples of the fullness of the index, citing at random, we find thirty-nine references to oysters, one hundred and thirty-six to Richmond city, and nine to the Mutual Assurance Company. After Henning, part of whose period is covered by this index, there has heretofore been no recourse for investigators, except a most wearying search of the indexes of the separate session acts. Now a means has been furnished by which one can ascertain in a minute what once might have required days.

The only trouble with the book is the small size of the edition. The next Legislature should authorize a large one, to be sold at a reasonable price.